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**Federal Legislative Activities Week of October 7, 2013**

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of October 7, 2013 below. Please note Hearings are subject to postponement during the Federal Shutdown.

**Continuing Resolution**

Over the past two weeks, the House three times passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) for the government that included language to defund, delay or modify the Affordable Care Act, but the Senate rejected each of those House efforts. The House also requested a formal conference with the Senate on the measure, but the Senate also rejected that effort and called on the House to simply approve the Senate-passed "clean" CR.

The new fiscal year began on Oct. 1, and because no funding agreement has been enacted a partial shutdown of the government has occurred. To address certain high-profile issues, the House is considering a series of "mini-CRs" that would provide temporary funding to selected departments, agencies and activities. The White House expressed its opposition to the mini-CR bills and said the President would veto these measures. In its policy statement, the administration said "passage of piecemeal fiscal year 2014 appropriations legislation that restores only very limited activities ... is not a serious or responsible way to run the United States Government" and that the House should re-open all of government.

The following mini-CRs passed out of the House in an attempt to provide funding for certain aspects of the federal government since funding lapsed at the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year. The Senate may consider the following bills this week:

HJ Res 70 – National Park Service Operations, Smithsonian Institution, National Gallery of Art, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
HJ Res 71 – District of Columbia HJ Res 73 – National Institutes of Health  
HJ Res 72 – Veterans Benefits  
HR 3230 – Pay Our Guard and Reserve Act.  
HJ Res 84 – Head Start for Low-Income Children Act (passed by the House 10/8)  
HJ Res 85 – Federal Emergency Management Agency  
HJ Res 75 – Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children  
HR 3223 – Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act.

The House may consider the following mini-CRs this week to provide funding for certain aspects of the federal government:

HJ Res 76 - Nuclear Weapons Security & Non-Proliferation Act  
HJ Res 77 – Food and Drug Safety Act  
HJ Res 78 - Preserving Our Intelligence Capabilities Act

HJ Res 80 - American Indian and Alaska Native, Health, Education, and Safety Act  
HJ Res 82 - National Weather Monitoring Act  
HJ Res 83 - Impact Aid for Local Schools Act  
HJ Res 79 - Border Safety & Security Act

### **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Hearing: Examining the IRS's Role in Implementing and Enforcing the Affordable Care Act | 9:30 AM | House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Hearing: Housing Finance Reform: Essential Elements of the Multifamily Housing Finance System | 10 AM | Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Hearing: Effect of Government Shutdown on VA Benefits and Services to Veterans | 10:30 AM | House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Hearing: The Effects of the Health Law's Definitions of Full-Time Employee on Small Businesses | 1 PM | House Committee on Small Business – Subcommittee on Health and Technology. The purpose of the hearing is to examine the potential effects of the health care law's definition of 30 hours a week as full-time employment and what this means for employment at small businesses. Watch the live webcast [here](#).

### **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Hearing: The Debt Limit | 8:30 AM | Senate Committee on Finance. Watch the live webcast [here](#).

Hearing: Impact of a Default on Financial Stability and Economic Growth | 10 AM | Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Hearing: The Interpretation of HR 3210: Pay Our Military Act | 11:30 AM | House Armed Services Committee. Watch the webcast live [here](#).

Hearing: Funding the Nation's Freight System | 1 PM | House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. At this hearing, the Panel will receive testimony on the various proposals on ways to raise new revenue and use existing revenue more wisely in the funding of freight infrastructure projects across the Nation. Watch the webcast live [here](#).

Oversight Hearing: EPA vs. American Mining Jobs: The Obama Administration's Regulatory Assault on the Economy | 1 PM | House Committee on Natural Resources – Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Watch the webcast live [here](#).

### **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Hearing: The Way Forward toward Fiscal Sustainability and Economic Growth | 10 AM | Joint Economic Committee.